



**ST. LEO THE GREAT**  
PARISH & SCHOOL

February 6, 2022

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKENDS**

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00PM

Sundays ~ 8:00AM and 11:00AM

**WEEKDAYS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday ~ 8:30AM

Thursday - Communion Service ~ 8:30AM

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

8:30AM and 7:00PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Individual confessions can be heard Saturdays from 3pm-3:30pm, Sundays from 10am-10:30am, or anytime by request or appointment.

**NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!**

New parishioners and those moving from the parish or changing addresses are asked to contact the Rectory Office.

**BAPTISMS**

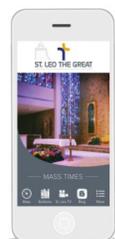
Parents desiring Baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Preparations and arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance with a priest. Only then can a wedding date be confirmed.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

If you are curious about becoming Catholic or have questions about the Catholic Faith, please call the Rectory.



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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website ([www.leotheadgreat.org](http://www.leotheadgreat.org)) to sign up. If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006.



## FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

St. Blaise was a bishop and doctor in the early fourth century who was known for helping people with bones or other objects stuck in their throats. He is often depicted holding two crossed candles in his hand. His feast day is February 3rd. There will be a blessing of throats at all of the Masses the weekend of February 5th and 6th.

## REGISTER WITH US

Have you moved into the area recently, or have you joined us for Mass? We would love to have you as a registered member of our parish family. Please stop by at the rectory office, go online at [leotheadgreat.org](http://leotheadgreat.org) or call the Rectory Office at 216-661-1006.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us the First Friday of every month from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. St. Leo the Great has had a long history of Eucharistic Adoration of First Fridays. Part of our Commitment as a parish is that when we have Adoration, Jesus in the Eucharist should not be left alone. We realize we are still in the midst of the pandemic, but we need your presence for as much or as little amount of time as you are able to spend in the presence of Jesus. The Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Can you spend just one hour, once a month with Jesus?



## GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUR SHOPPING

Our Gift Card Program is an excellent way to help support your Parish. A complete list of gift cards is available at the rectory office or on our website at [leotheadgreat.org](http://leotheadgreat.org). Gift Cards can be used for everyday purchases, gifts, or a simple thank you.

**PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE AND SUPPORT US.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Prayer REQUESTS

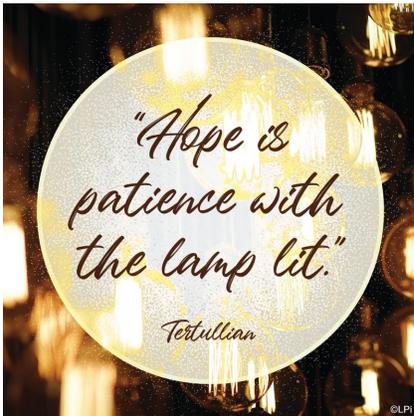
Mary Niec, Alivia Kobal, Taylor Corbett, Annamae Sironen, Glenn "Joe" Hess, Gary LaBuda, Jeanette Klaehn, William & Amelia Rebello, Marie Stankiewicz, Irma Zappitelli, Dianne Toronski, Anthony Arlia, Jeanne Karasek, Denise Sisley, Don Donelon, Larry Kuznik, John Sofcheck, Ireneo (Ernie) Santiago, Rob Blum, Sally Herman, Lorice Yurek, Gary Skelley, Lee Rinaldi, Joe Lorkowski, Millie Ancin, Phyllis Zbasnik, Virginia Soflkancs, Evelyn Bastian, Ken Proctor, Mary Lou Neuendorf, Joseph Bublavy, Harriet Franko & Ana Mendoza.

Every week we pray for those discerning a vocation in religious life.

**Arthur Bodenschatz**  
Diocese of Youngstown  
Senior, Borromeo



Pray that he may continue to persevere and that others may respond to God's call.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th**  
Collection .....\$4,617.36  
WeShare.....\$1,592.55  
Total.....\$6,209.91

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MASST INTENTIONS

**Monday, February 7th—Weekday**  
8:30am +Deborah A. Semancik (Dr. Andrea Zachary)  
**Tuesday, February 8th—St. Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bekhita, Virgin**  
8:30am +Larry Clancy (Fr. Schmitz)  
**Wednesday, February 9th—Weekday**  
8:30am +Vaughn and Sonny Konefal (Lorraine V. Konefal)  
**Thursday February 10th—St. Scholastica, Virgin**  
8:30am Communion Service  
**Friday February 11th—Our Lady of Lourdes**  
8:30am +Laurence Stopper (Rebina Stopper)  
**Saturday, February 12th — Weekday**  
4:00 +Louis and Ann Supan (Barb Crawford)  
**Sunday, February 13th— Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00am People of the Parish  
11:00am +Bill Kordick (Family)

**First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

The prophet Isaiah lived about 750 years before Christ. His enthusiastic response to God's call led to a prophetic career that lasted over 40 years. In this brief passage, we find not only the source for the "Holy, Holy" in the Mass, but also the prayer before reading the Gospel (asking God to cleanse one's lips), and finally the refrain from a frequently used contemporary hymn.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

We continue our reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Some members of the community had questioned the bodily resurrection of Jesus, and our own resurrection as well. This passage is Paul's response. It pre-dates the Gospels and is the oldest written record of the Church's core tradition about Christ's resurrection.

**Readings for the week of February 6, 2022**

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11  
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

## ST. LEO THE GREAT- CLEVELAND, OHIO



Dear Parishioners,

On Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, I celebrated the funeral of Dorothy Kaminski, the mother of Tracy & Kelly and the grandmother of Quentin, who graduated from our parish school here at St. Leo's. His grandmother, whom he called Nana, was very proud of him and was able to celebrate his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with him. "Dottie," as she was called, worked as a bus driver along with her husband Roy. She loved spending time at the bus garage with her friends, but eventually she was diagnosed with MS and could no longer work. We pray that she may now be free from all the limitations of our human condition in order to enjoy the life of God's heavenly kingdom.

The following day I had the funeral Mass for Shirley Ferraro whose death was sudden and unexpected. Fr. Ned Weist, former pastor of St. Leo's, joined us for the celebration of her life. I would greet Shirley and her husband Richard (of 57 years) as they entered the church for Mass each week and Shirley would always greet me with a smile. I met their 3 daughters, all of whom attended our parish school. Every night Shirley would text them and her grandchildren to remind them of her love for them. Shirley was a Eucharistic Minister at our parish and prayed the rosary daily, so we trust that Mary prayed for her, especially at the hour of her death. May she now know the Lord whose Body she distributed to others.

Miriam Fontaine was also a long time and faithful member of the parish. I first met her when her husband Marty died during my first year here at St. Leo's in 2014. They had 2 sons and were happily married for 59 years. Miriam would always sit in the first pew in front of the tabernacle & she would be the first one I would see and greet before the 4pm Mass. Miriam sang in our parish choir and loved different types of music. For several years she also sang in our resurrection choir which would sing during our funeral Masses. She also loved working in her garden, planting roses and flowers of every color. As a member of the Golden Ager's Club here at St. Leo's, she made many friends with the other senior members of the parish. We trust that her friends in heaven, especially the Virgin Mary, St. Ann & St. Gerard, will now welcome her to God's house.

This past Tuesday we gathered to remember the life of Joseph Mackey who leaves behind his wife Judy and 3 children, William, Bethany & Amy. Though Joe was not Catholic, he supported the Catholic education of his children. Joe's obituary was filled with beautiful remembrances of his meaningful life as he built a family and a circle of friends who were like family to him. He was a man of service to others in many different ways...as a coach for high school bowlers, as a scout and neighborhood block captain for safety and as a worker who enjoyed not only his job but the people he met along the way. His obituary ended with these words: "Joe's impact will be felt by many for a long time to come. The relationships he had become friendships he cherished. His legacy carries on in the character and work ethics instilled in his children, those he mentored and in the example he set for those who knew him." May he find a rich reward in God's kingdom.

Finally, Fr. Tom Dragga, a former parochial vicar here at St. Leo's, celebrated the funeral Mass for Mark James, whom he knew during his time here. We extend our sympathies & promise our prayers to Mark's wife and family as they also mourn one who served the community well.

Deacon Pat and I will be happy to bless throats after the Masses this weekend in commemoration of St. Blaise whose feast we celebrated this past Thursday.

### BEREAVEMENT SHARING GROUP

Have you recently lost a loved one—a spouse, sibling, a parent, other relative or a close friend? Join the St. Leo the Great Bereavement Sharing Group. We are a group who have a common bond—the loss of someone close to us. All are welcome to come and share with us the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. We meet for about an hour and share our feelings and memories of our loved ones. **The next meeting dates will be March 2, April 6, and May 4, 2022.** Feel free to join us—no reservations needed.

**If you have any questions, contact Joan Berigan at 216-661-1006 or by email: [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org).**

### PRE-PLANNED FUNERAL

Do your loved ones know what your wishes are for your funeral Mass? Have you thought about the readings you'd like to have at your funeral Mass? If so, contact Joan Berigan at the rectory (216-661-1006) or email her at [jberigan@leothegreat.org](mailto:jberigan@leothegreat.org) for help in pre-planning your funeral Mass.

### HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful that so many of you have continued to contribute. Here are a few ways to help you with your contributions:

- 1) Mail your contribution envelope(s) to us, either for the week or the month. (St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44019)
- 2) Drop your contribution envelope(s) in the mail slot of the rectory office door.



- 3) Online Giving is available here at St. Leo the Great. Look for this icon on our website [www.leothegreat.org](http://www.leothegreat.org) to sign up. It's incredibly easy and you have many options: weekly, monthly or one-time contributions, the ability to use a checking/savings account direct withdrawal (you just need your account and routing numbers) or you can use a debit or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). It is simple and secure.

If you have any questions or need help, call the parish office at 216-661-1006 and we will gladly assist you.

ST. LEO THE GREAT - CLEVELAND, OHIO



**Miriam A. Fontaine**  
December 22, 1934 - January 23, 2022

**Interment**  
Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section 40 Lot 994

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

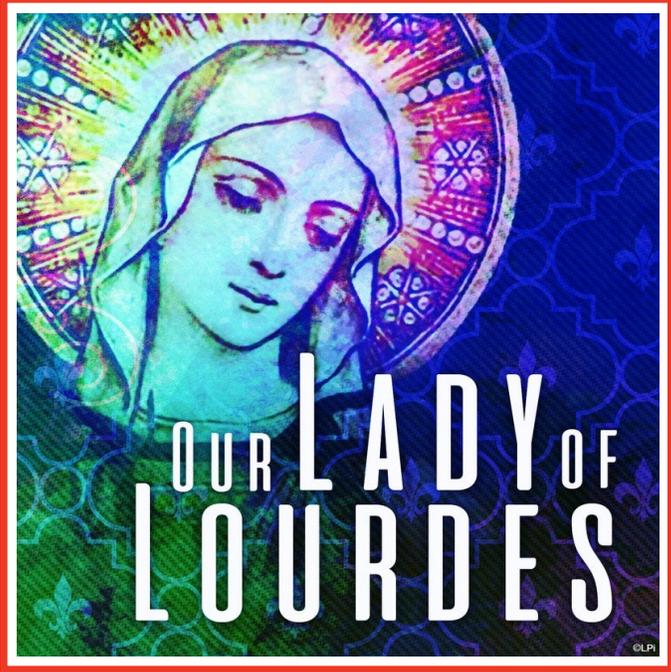
Craciun Funeral Home | 440-843-5957

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Shirley R. Ferraro**  
Born: November 11, 1941  
Entered Into Rest: January 25, 2022  
Services: Saturday, January 29, 2022  
St. Leo the Great Church  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Interment:**  
Holy Cross Cemetery  
Section 40 Lot 7140 Grave 1

**THE MEMORARE**  
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to Thee I come; before Thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

**RIPEPI FUNERAL HOME**  
Pearl Road at Snow Road





**St. Vincent de Paul**

The St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Organization food and staple collection to assist those in need is next weekend, February 12th and 13th. Items that we are most in need are: ELBOW MACARONI, RICE AND NOODLE SIDES, SKILLET DINNERS, MACARONI AND CHEESE, SPAGHETTI NOODLES, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, SWEET POTATOES, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED POTATOES, ASSORTED SOUPS, RAMEN NOODLES, TUNA FISH, STUFFING MIX, CANNED VEGETABLES, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, CANNED FRUIT, PANCAKE SYRUP, BAR SOAP AND DISHWASHING SOAP. Because of you we are able to ensure others do not go without. Thank you very much!

**Academic Honors**

Congratulations to the following St. Leo the Great students who have earned academic honors for the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year at Saint Ignatius High School.

**Connor Giszl '22 Grade 12 First Honors**  
**Tristan Holleran '22 Grade 12 First Honors**  
**Alexander Nodge '22 Grade 12 First Honors**  
**Joseph Novak '22 Grade 12 First Honors**  
**Joshua Novak '25 Grade 9 Honors**  
**Justin Ortega '23 Grade 11 First Honors**  
**Christopher Tipton '23 Grade 11 First Honors**  
**Grady Wilson '25 Grade 9 Second Honors**



**Record of 2021 Contributions**

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You can also include your name on this slip, put it in an envelope and return it to the parish. We will mail your statement back to you.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The gift of the Mission

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

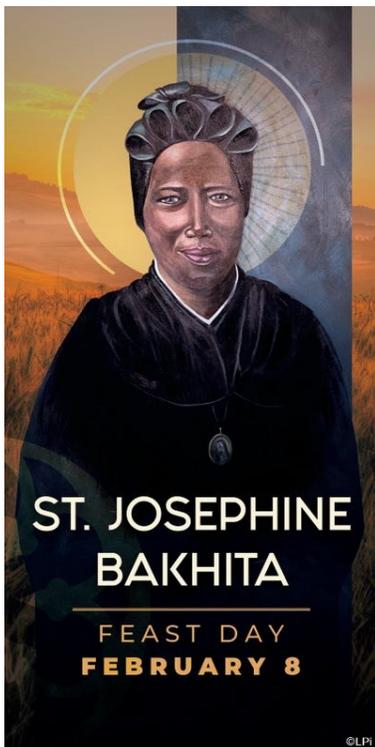
But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### St. Josephine Bakhita | February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.

She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**February 6, 2022 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.

**RAFFLE  
WINNERS**



**January 31, 2022  
Nancy Zola**



